SETTLING DISTRIBUTORS' MOTION TO DISMISS CLAIMS FILED BY NON-PARTICIPATING NEW YORK SUBDIVISIONS AS BARRED BY STATUTE

EXHIBIT C



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Re: Distributors New York Settlement Agreement

Dear Counsel:

I am writing on behalf of the State of New York to provide notice of the State's compliance with certain provisions of the Distributors New York Settlement Agreement executed on July 20, 2021 ("Agreement") as of today, the *Initial Participation Date*.¹

With respect to the *Incentive Payments*, the State has satisfied the eligibility requirements for *Incentive Payment A* under Section V.F.1 of the Agreement because: (i) pursuant to New York Mental Hygiene Law § 25.18(d), there is a *Bar* in full force and effect that enjoins all *Non-Litigating Subdivisions* from asserting any *Released Claims* against the *Released Entities* and extinguishes by operation of law all claims asserted by all *Litigating Subdivisions* against the *Released Entities* in any actions commenced after June 30, 2019 ("Barred Litigating

¹ The definitions set forth in Section II of the Agreement apply to all italicized terms used in this letter.



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Subdivisions"); and (ii) 100% of all *Litigating Subdivisions* with claims asserted against the *Released Entities* in actions commenced on or before June 30, 2019 have become *Initial Participating Subdivisions* by virtue of executing the required *Subdivision Settlement Participation Forms* ("Releasing Subdivisions"). The State has provided today copies of the executed forms to Rubris, and a list of all Releasing Subdivisions and Barred Litigating Subdivisions is attached for your reference.

With respect to Section III of the Agreement, the Attorney General has satisfied condition III.A by obtaining the authority to settle and release, to the maximum extent of the State's power, all *Released Claims* of the entities set forth in Section X.E of the Agreement and has executed today a release of all *Claims* for *Covered Conduct*, a copy of which is attached.

Sincerely,

Andrew Amer Special Counsel

Encls.

cc: Jennifer Levy, Esq.

Releasing Subdivisions

ALBANY CITY

ALBANY COUNTY

ALLEGANY COUNTY

AMHERST TOWN

AMSTERDAM CITY

AUBURN CITY

BROOME COUNTY

BUFFALO CITY

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY

CAYUGA COUNTY

CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

CHEEKTOWAGA TOWN

CHEMUNG COUNTY

CHENANGO COUNTY

CLINTON COUNTY

COLUMBIA COUNTY

CORTLAND COUNTY

DUTCHESS COUNTY

ERIE COUNTY

ESSEX COUNTY

FRANKLIN COUNTY

FULTON COUNTY

GENESEE COUNTY

GENEVA CITY

GREENE COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY

HERKIMER COUNTY

HERKIMER VILLAGE

ITHACA CITY

JEFFERSON COUNTY

LACKAWANNA CITY

LANCASTER TOWN

LEWIS COUNTY

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

MADISON COUNTY

MONROE COUNTY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

MOUNT VERNON CITY

NASSAU COUNTY

NEW YORK CITY

NIAGARA COUNTY

OGDENSBURG CITY

ONEIDA COUNTY

ONONDAGA COUNTY

ONTARIO COUNTY

ORANGE COUNTY

ORLEANS COUNTY

OSWEGO COUNTY

OTSEGO COUNTY

PLATTSBURGH CITY

POUGHKEEPSIE CITY

PUTNAM COUNTY

RENSSELAER COUNTY

ROCHESTER CITY

ROCKLAND COUNTY

ROME CITY

SARATOGA COUNTY

SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY

SCHENECTADY CITY

SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SCHOHARIE COUNTY

SCHUYLER COUNTY

SENECA COUNTY

ST LAWRENCE COUNTY

STEUBEN COUNTY

SUFFOLK COUNTY

SULLIVAN COUNTY

SYRACUSE CITY

TIOGA COUNTY

TOMPKINS COUNTY

TONAWANDA TOWN

TROY CITY

ULSTER COUNTY

UTICA

WARREN COUNTY

WASHINGTON COUNTY
WESTCHESTER COUNTY
WYOMING COUNTY
YATES COUNTY
YONKERS CITY

Barred Litigating Subdivisions

AMITYVILLE VILLAGE

BABYLON TOWN

BABYLON VILLAGE

BELLPORT VILLAGE

BROOKHAVEN TOWN

CLARKSTOWN TOWN

EAST HAMPTON TOWN

EAST ROCKAWAY VILLAGE

FARMINGDALE VILLAGE

FLORAL PARK VILLAGE

GARDEN CITY VILLAGE

GREAT NECK VILLAGE

GREENPORT VILLAGE

HAVERSTRAW TOWN

HEMPSTEAD TOWN

HEMPSTEAD VILLAGE

HUNTINGTON TOWN

ISLAND PARK VILLAGE

ISLANDIA VILLAGE

ISLIP TOWN

KINGSTON CITY

LAKE GROVE VILLAGE

LAWRENCE VILLAGE

LINDENHURST VILLAGE

LLOYD HARBOR VILLAGE

LONG BEACH CITY

LYNBROOK VILLAGE

MASSAPEQUA PARK VILLAGE

MILL NECK VILLAGE

MILLERTON VILLAGE

NEW HYDE PARK VILLAGE

NISSEQUOGUE VILLAGE

NORTH HEMPSTEAD TOWN

NORTHPORT VILLAGE

OLD WESTBURY VILLAGE

ORANGETOWN TOWN

OYSTER BAY TOWN

PATCHOGUE VILLAGE

POQUOTT VILLAGE

PORT WASHINGTON NORTH VILLAGE

POUGHKEEPSIE TOWN

RAMAPO TOWN

RIVERHEAD TOWN

SALTAIRE VILLAGE

SMITHTOWN TOWN

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN

SOUTHOLD TOWN

STEWART MANOR VILLAGE

STONY POINT TOWN

SUFFERN VILLAGE

VALLEY STREAM VILLAGE

VILLAGE OF THE BRANCH VILLAGE

WAPPINGER TOWN

WAPPINGERS FALLS VILLAGE

WEST HAMPTON DUNES VILLAGE

WEST HAVERSTRAW VILLAGE

WESTBURY VILLAGE

Special Districts

BELLMORE FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF ED. OF ROCHESTER CITY SCHOOL DIST. (NY)

CENTEREACH FIRE DISTRICT

CENTERPORT FIRE DISTRICT

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION, ET AL.*

HAUPPAUGE FIRE DISTRICT

HICKSVILLE WATER DISTRICT

ISLIP TERRACE FIRE DISTRICT

LEVITTOWN FIRE DISTRICT

MELVILLE FIRE DISTRICT

MERRICK LIBRARY (NY)

MILLER PLACE FIRE DISTRICT

MOUNT SINAI FIRE DISTRICT

NASSAU UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER*

NESCONSET FIRE DISTRICT

NORTH MERRICK FIRE DISTRICT
NORTH PATCHOGUE FIRE DISTRICT
PLAINVIEW - OLD BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY (NY)
PORT WASHINGTON WATER DISTRICT
RIDGE FIRE DISTRICT
ROCKVILLE CENTRE PUBLIC LIBRARY (NY)
ROSALYN WATER DISTRICT
SMITHTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
SOUTH FARMINGDALE FIRE DISTRICT
ST. JAMES FIRE DISTRICT
STONY BROOK FIRE DISTRICT
UNIONDALE FIRE DISTRICT
WEST HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY

^{*}New York State is releasing these entities out of an abundance of caution, but by doing so the State is not intending to concede, and should not be construed as conceding, that these entities are "Special Districts" within the meaning of the definition of "Subdivision" under the Agreement.

Release of Opioid-Related Claims Pursuant to the Distributors New York Settlement Agreement and New York Mental Hygiene Law Section 25.18(d)

WHEREAS pursuant to the Distributors New York Settlement Agreement (the "Settlement"), the State of New York, Nassau and Suffolk Counties and each Participating Subdivision have released their Released Claims against McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation (together "the Distributors") and the related Released Entities, as the terms "Participating Subdivisions," "Released Claims" and "Released Entities" are defined in the Settlement; and

WHEREAS the Settlement provides in Section X.A that, as of the Effective Date of the Settlement, the Distributors and the related Released Entities will be released and forever discharged from all of the Releasors' Released Claims, as the terms "Released Entities," "Releasors" and "Released Claims" are defined in the Settlement; and

WHEREAS the Settlement provides in Section II.CCC that Releasors (as defined in the Settlement) who are releasing claims under Section X.A include "to the maximum extent of the power of the New York State's Attorney General . . . to release Claims" . . . "New York State's . . . departments, agencies, divisions, boards, commissions, Subdivisions, districts, instrumentalities of any kind . . . any public entities, public instrumentalities, public educational institutions, unincorporated districts, fire districts, irrigation districts and other Special Districts in New York State;" and

WHEREAS Section 25.18(d) of the Mental Hygiene Law provides the New York Attorney General with authority, through the release of opioid-related claims in a "statewide opioid settlement agreement" executed after June 1, 2021, to: (i) release the unfiled opioid-related claims of New York government entities like those identified in Section II.CCC against opioid distributors like the Distributors, and (ii) to release opioid-related claims filed by such New York government entities after June 30, 2019 against distributors like the Distributors; and

WHEREAS the Settlement constitutes a "statewide opioid settlement agreement" under Section 25.18(d) of the Mental Hygiene Law;

THEREFORE, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of the Settlement and the power and authority of the New York Attorney General, including under Section 25.18(d) of the Mental Hygiene Law, the Distributors and the other Released Entities are, as of the Effective Date, hereby released from any and all Released Claims of New York State, any of New York State's past and present executive departments, state agencies, divisions, boards, commissions and instrumentalities with the regulatory authority to enforce state and federal controlled substances acts (including, without limitation, the New York State Department of Financial Services), any of New York State's past and present executive departments, state agencies, divisions, boards, commissions and instrumentalities that have the authority to bring Claims related to Covered Conduct seeking money (including abatement and/or remediation) or revocation of a pharmaceutical distribution license, and any Participating Subdivision (collectively, Releasors),

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Dated: New York, New York November 17, 2021

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WHEREAS, on November 17, 2021, the New York Attorney General executed a release in favor of AmerisourceBergen Drug Corporation, Bellco Drug Corp., American Medical Distributors, Inc., McKesson Corporation, PSS World Medical, Inc., Cardinal Health, Inc., Kinray LLC (collectively, "Distributor Defendants"), and other Released Entities, in the above-referenced litigation ("NYAG Release"), which was then referenced as Exhibit B to the consent judgment approved by the Court on December 16, 2021 and filed on December 17, 2021 ("Consent Judgment") (NYSCEF No. 8928) (Exhibit B to the Consent Judgment is on the public record as an attachment to the proposed consent judgment filed on December 16, 2021 as NYSCEF No. 8926);

WHEREAS, due to a typographical error, AmerisourceBergen was inadvertently omitted from the definition of "Distributors" in the first paragraph of the NYAG Release; and

WHEREAS, the State and Distributor Defendants hereby agree to remedy this error by stipulating, consistent with their understanding and intent, that a corrected version of the NYAG Release including AmerisourceBergen (attached as Exhibit A hereto) shall replace the prior version of the release as the referenced Exhibit B to the Consent Judgment;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned counsel for the State and Distributor Defendants, subject to the approval of the Court, that the referenced Exhibit B to the Consent Judgment shall be deemed to be the corrected NYAG Release attached as Exhibit A hereto *nunc pro tunc*.

Dated: January 19, 2022 New York, New York

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Judith A. Pascale

CLERK OF SUFFOLK COUNTY

HON. JERRY GARGUILO

SO ORDERED

Attorney Signatures on Pages 3+4

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